

REMARKS

Introduction

These amendments and remarks are being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2007.

Claim 1 is currently pending in the application. The claim has been amended to clarify the recited subject matter.

No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. In particular, the Examiner asserted that the term “preferably” in line 1 of the claim rendered the claim indefinite.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendment obviates the rejection.

As such, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be removed and the claim allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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